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When the Twentieth Century, of which the year just over was the second, comes to be reviewed as a whole, we may be certain that 1902 will be considered among the more eventful years. Much has occurred during its course which must help to shape the history of the world, alike in the Far East and elsewhere. At the present day two events seem to stand out prominently among all others, and we think that it is not only Britons who will allow this. First in importance, there was the end of the great South African War, formally notified by the signature of peace on the 31st May, whereby a struggle which had raged for the greater part of three years and had hampered to a most serious extent the general policy of Great Britain, was brought to a successful termination; now, as Mr. CHAMBERLAIN just declared at Durban, the Dutch have accepted the paramountcy of the British flag, and what can longer separate the two nations? And secondly there was the Anglo-Japanese Agreement, signed on the 30th January, whereby Britain departed from her traditions of isolation and allied herself with the newest of the Powers. Both these occurrences were hailed by Britons in the Far East, as at home by all clear-thinking people, with expressions of deep gratification. Out here it is felt that Great Britain is able once again, if wisely guided, to strive for her former proud position in this part of the world. But great as both these events

were, there was another which momentarily attracted more attention all over the world. We refer to King Edward's illness and the postponed Coronation, which in June caused all hearts to be full of apprehension. Fortunately it was not very long before fears were relieved, His Majesty's constitution and courage triumphed, and early in August the whole of the British Empire was able to unite in rejoicings over the ceremony of crowning the King-Emperor, while among the other nations hardly a single discordant voice was raised. Though the Coronation, as ultimately carried out, was not as gorgeous as it would have been, there is no doubt that the sympathy for the central figure was rendered practically universal by his narrow escape from death. Among those who evinced the warmest concern was His Majesty the German Emperor, and if anything could have undone the effect of the anti-British campaign in Germany during the South African War it would have been the Kaiser's courtesy and solicitude. Unhappily evidence is abundant that Britons were too deeply offended over the vile calumny of the army in South Africa to forgive the transgressors for the sake of their ruler. Time, it is to be hoped, will heal the breach, but it is plain from the dissatisfaction at home over Anglo-German co-operation against Venezuela that the time is not yet come. The Venezuelan affair, which at first looked dangerous on account of susceptibilities in the United States, now seems likely to reach a peaceful settlement. It was hoped by the European Powers that President Roosevelt would undertake the arbitration of the dispute, but it is apparently to go to the Hague Tribunal. That disappointment has been freely expressed over the President's refusal shows how highly he is esteemed. Last year we prophesied that he would be no weak President of the United States, and our prediction has been abundantly justified. The main danger is that his strength must bring him into conflict with one of the strongest forces in the world—that of money, as exemplified in the great Trusts and "Combines." The struggle can but be a terrible one, demanding a man of far more than average strength and character.

Turning to the Far East, we find that 1902 has been fruitful in promises of great improvements in the state of affairs, but the end of the year sees these promises still unfulfilled. Three very important agreements (apart from that between Great Britain and Japan) were signed during the twelve months, the Manchurian Convention, the Anglo-Chinese Commercial Treaty, and the Franco-Siam Treaty. The last-named compact, which was signed on the 7th October, appeared to all but the French Colonial party to be very favourable to France; but at least it was an honest attempt to get rid of the dangerous state of friction between France and Siam. Whether it will be ratified seems doubtful, so loud in their expressions of discontent are the advocates of an ever aggressive policy on the Indo-Chinese frontiers. It is yet possible that serious troubles may arise over the Siamese question. The Manchurian Convention, which was signed on the 9th April last, alone has begun to take effect. That it was a very one-sided affair, our readers are well aware. The terms imposed on China were very hard, but in return the evacuation of Manchuria by instalments was guaranteed. What this "evacuation" means the *Times* correspondent at Peking has revealed. The Russian troops have retired to all the strategic points of the country which they have evacuated and dominate it as completely as if they had remained in avowed full possession. Manchuria is, in fact, to all intents and purposes a Russian province. The MACKAY Treaty, signed on the 5th September, but still unratified, has been claimed as a great achievement, and its originator has received enormous honours without number. It must seem to us here in Hongkong that until that Treaty, with its promises of the abolition of *lekin*, etc., becomes an accomplished fact, its merits can only be discussed academically. Many commercial men of the highest authority do not believe that it will come into operation in its present form: there are too those who do not think it would be the panacea it is supposed to be, even if it were strictly carried out by China. It was imagined by some that when the Emperor Kwang Hsu returned to Peking on the 7th January, 1902, the way was paved for the regeneration of China. It only remained to conclude the Commercial Treaty and then China under a new régime would start on the path of progress. We need hardly say that these optimists were not generally accepted as trustworthy prophets. How little they were able to judge the future has been shown in the twelve months just now elapsed since the Emperor's return to the Capital. The reactionaries are almost as much in power as before the flight from Peking. H. M. Kwang Hsu is still a nonentity. Commerce has been under nearly all the old restrictions. In August last two particularly

brutal murders of British missionaries occurred at Chengchow, in Hunan province, which almost led to a diplomatic rupture between Great Britain and China. Compensation has been made, but very tardily. To add to her misfortunes China, never rich in honest officials, has recently lost one great man in Liu Kung-yi and another man whom all Europeans who came in contact with him esteemed, Tao Mr. Lee Viceroy at Canton. Their successors will be hard to find, and without upright officials in the important posts the Powers can put no trust in China's promises. Among themselves the European nations have shown an extraordinary amount of distrust in matters concerning China. Owing to this, Tientsin was not handed back until August; while Shanghai, in spite of the promises given to Liu Kung-yi before his death, is only now being completely evacuated. The intrigues of the time-serving Prince Ching with Germany undoubtedly delayed very considerably the evacuation of Shanghai. The month the Settlement, freed of its unnecessary garrisons, will be able to pay attention to the subject of commercial advance. Weihaiwei, Britain's latest acquisition in these seas, must also look to a commercial future. After an extraordinary record of vaccination the home Government decided not to make a fortress or an efficient naval base of the place, but to maintain it merely as a sanatorium and summer resort for the fleet. Yet with the Colonial Office in charge and under the rule of Mr. J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Hongkong's late Colonial Secretary, Weihaiwei may still have a future more glorious than that of a third-rate watering-place. Its resources are untried as yet.

For Hongkong, 1902 has been one to be remembered. Commercially the year has been eminently unsatisfactory, several causes combining to accentuate the difficulties created by a fluctuating and declining exchange. To the merchant, the middleman, and the retailer alike, it has been a year of anxiety and worry, their operations resulting in either loss or scanty profits. In the market for piece goods semi-stagnation has ruled for the most part, a hand-to-mouth business for immediate requirements being the best that can be recorded. The tightness of money, the instability of exchange, the partial failure of crops, the disturbed condition of the interior of both the Kwang provinces, and the increase of taxation consequent on the indemnity imposed upon the Chinese Government by the Foreign Powers have operated to restrict demand for all classes of cotton and woollen goods, more especially the better makes, which the decline in the value of silver has placed beyond the reach of all but the opulent. The trade in yarns has been equally unremunerative, so much so that two large mills in Bombay have closed already and more are expected to follow. The decline in this important import is distinctly traceable to the depreciation of silver. In opium there has been a fairly large business done, principally in Beigal drug, due, however, to exceptional causes, namely the partial failure of the poppy crop in Yunnan and consequent dearth and scarcity of the native drug, and partly to the speculation created by an attempt, happily defeated by the vigorous policy of Sir ERNEST SATOW—to raise the duties on foreign opium by about one hundred per cent. The trade in kerosene oil which is a steadily growing one, was barely maintained in 1902, the failure of crops and the disturbances in the Delta having served to check the imports into Kwangtung. In general goods the trade has also been restricted through the constant variations in exchange, leading to a marked reduction in many classes of imports. The same cause has had a malignant influence on exports; the difficulty of arranging exchange being a serious matter, prejudicially affecting business. The export of silk has been quite up to the average, but the dollar price has risen *pari passu* with the fall in the white metal. In sundry exports there has been little change, the quantities being comparatively small. Large shipments of rice have had to be imported from Wuhu and Chinkiang for Canton, owing to the failure of the southern rice crops. Freight rates have ruled low throughout the year, and the shipping trade generally has been bad. Some of the local industries have also been less prosperous than usual this year, and the business in refined sugar has been simply disastrous. The stock market has been depressed during the latter half of the year, and quotations have, in many cases, undergone a sharp decline. Altogether the commercial record is a most unfavourable one, and there seems no immediate prospect of any durable improvement setting in unless successful measures are taken to secure a fixed basis of exchange. In other respects, too, 1902 has left many causes for regret. During the year there have been 572 cases of plague, with 559 deaths; there was also a severe outbreak of cholera and a

slight one of small-pox. The water supply has been deficient, and the year opened and closed with the intermittent system in force. It is proposed, as a result of the visits of Messrs. STIMPSON and CHAPMAN, the expert commission despatched from home which issued several reports in the first half of 1902, to attempt a thorough regeneration of Hongkong, and the means proposed is the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance which has occupied so much of the Legislative Council's attention. But it is obvious that the process must be slow, and that all important adjunct of good sanitation, a plentiful water-supply, is very far off indeed. Though 1902 closed with none too hopeful auguries, however, some notable local improvements and additions have been made. For the first time in Hongkong's history, a school for exclusively European children has been opened, at Kowloon. On the 15th January last the foundation-stone was laid of a great undertaking, the Naval Yard Extension. Many think that the removal of the Naval Yard to the mainland would have been preferable, but all must admit the magnitude of the present works. On the 4th August Major-General GASCOIGNE, who administered the Colony's government to the general satisfaction during H.E. the Governor's absence from January to September, turned the first sod of King's Park, Kowloon, which promises to be a worthy memorial of the Coronation year. Another memorial of 1902 is the CONNAUGHT statue, soon to be followed by two others to be erected in the neighbourhood of the late Queen's statue. There were many changes in the personnel of the Colony last year, from various causes. By death Hongkong saw carried off two very familiar figures, Commander W. C. H. HASTINGS and Mr. DAVID GILLIES. The Hon. J. H. STEWART LOCKHART left us for Weihaiwei, being succeeded at the Colonial Secretary's Office by the Hon. F. H. M. A. M. Commodore POWELL departed in April, his place being filled by Commodore ROBINSON. Sir THOMAS JACKSON, whose name must always be associated with the story of the Colony's growth, has gone, and Mr. T. H. WHITEHEAD was called to London. Sir JOHN CARRINGTON had already left when 1902 opened, and his place is filled by Sir W. MELIOR GOODMAN, while a new Attorney-General is here in Sir H. S. BENNETT. Many other changes might be mentioned as well. Hongkong's external relations have not been devoid of trouble. Two outrages against British subjects occurred on the Canton waterways, one on the 13th January when the *Nanhai* was fired upon and the Rev. C. E. L. COWAN wounded, the other on the 12th November, when Mr. EVANS, constable at H.B.M. Consulate, Canton, was fatally injured by pirates. Piracy and brigandage having been rampant on the neighbouring mainland last year, it is perhaps rather to be wondered at that no more foreigners were molested. The turbulence of the Chinese across the water seems to some extent to have affected their fellow-countrymen in Hongkong, for the word strike has been in the air a good deal, and labour troubles have been threatening. Altogether the promise of 1902 cannot be said to have been fulfilled. Still more reason, therefore, have we to wish our readers in 1903

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR.

Another plague case was reported during the day ending at noon yesterday, a Chinese dying in Wo On.

The damage by Tuesday's fire in Cross Street, Wanchai, when a pawn-shop and a dwelling-house were gutted, amounts to \$2,000, and the total insurance to \$35,000.

Though the Indian watchman over whom the Quarry Bay fracas first arose was on Tuesday fined \$100 by Mr. Kemp at the Magistracy, we believe that there are further developments to be expected. It has erroneously been stated that the watchman was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment; he was fined, and the fine was paid.

Our contemporary *O Patriota* is responsible for the statement that Major J. J. Bragança, of the Macao police, whose conduct was very freely impugned by the Portuguese papers a few months ago, has been transferred to Mozambique. The same paper contains a very ill-judged attack on the Portuguese Consul in Hongkong, Senhor Conselheiro Romão.

European seamen from the British steamer *Tonbridge* were placed in the dock at the Harbour Master's office yesterday morning, five of them charged with disobeying orders and two with assaulting the chief engineer. The five were sentenced to three days' imprisonment and to forfeit two days' pay, and the other two to six weeks' imprisonment.

Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., send us a copy of their very useful Imperial English and Chinese Diary and Almanac for 1903. This is the 17th year of the publication of the book, which in that period has made itself indispensable to every business man in the East. The Diary is interlarded with blotting and contains local information of value in the Straits, Hongkong, and Shanghai, in which places the book is extensively sold. It is published at this very reasonable price of \$1.50.

The Bellios Public School will reopen on the 4th inst.

An Australian telegram says:—The Shah has discarded sixteen hundred and forty wives.

The Australian cricketers after their English and South African tours got back to Melbourne at the beginning of December.

A party is forming in the German Reichstag to combat socialism and extreme agrarianism, as an outcome of a speech by the Kaiser attacking socialism—alluded to in our "Late Telegrams" columns yesterday.

An official enquiry into the circumstances attending the recent fatal building collapse in Wing Lok Street, near the Harbour Office, will be opened before Mr. F. A. Hazland at the Magistracy on Wednesday next at 2.15 p.m.

Lord Hawke's cricket team, on its way to New Zealand via the United States, met a Californian XV on the 26th November, and having got them out for 125, scored 155 for 8 wickets. Bosanquet took 11 wickets for 42 runs. The game was played on a concrete wicket.

The following two telegrams are dated Seoul, December 22nd.—"The object of Ye Yong-yik's visit to Port Arthur is, it is rumoured, to negotiate for a loan (from Russia) on the security of mining concessions in Hang-Ken-To and Peng-an-To districts."—"The entry of the Russian blue-jackets to the capital has been stopped."

The Rajah of Sarawak has issued an order to the following effect:—"The habit of wearing caps and hats of European shape and manufacture having become general amongst natives of all classes, I hereby direct that any native wearing such a cap or hat shall remove it from his head upon entering any Government Office or building, or when addressing any European Officers."

A Tokyo telegram of the 24th inst. to the N.C. Daily News says:—"The Cabinet and the political parties have commenced conferences which are not unlikely to result in a compromise on the basis of the abandonment of the land tax, the funds for the proposed naval increment being derived from other sources." Japanese papers last to hand mention a report that the Government will dissolve the Diet unless the Opposition gives way, and that a number of its opponents are very much averse to this step.

The Berlin *Kreuz Zeitung*, discussing the recent letter of the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. White, to Mr. Henry Seligman, of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, regarding the treatment of Hebrews in Roumania, says that it is to be recommended that the Ambassador remove the beam from his own eye before removing the mote from his neighbour's. The Roumanian Jews, says the paper, are better situated than the American negroes. They are not treated with the same contempt, and do not suffer Lynch law, nor are Jewish funeral processions in Roumania mobbed as in New York and Chicago.

Senator Foster of Washington, a member of the U.S. Senatorial committee that visited Hawaii in September, intimates that the committee will recommend that Chinese labourers be admitted to Hawaii in limited numbers for a time in order to relieve the labour situation there. "Labour conditions are bad in Hawaii," said Senator Foster. "There is a great scarcity of workmen on the sugar plantations, and every industry in the islands feels the effects. Whites will not work in the cane-fields, and Japanese are very unsatisfactory. The experiment of importing Porto Ricans was a failure. The people tell us that Southern negroes would be equally as unsatisfactory, even if they could be prevailed upon to go there. Chinese labour is the only solution of the problem in the opinion of the people of the islands. The committee has not completed its report, and I cannot say definitely what we shall recommend."

FOOTBALL.

This afternoon on the Club ground at Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club "A" team will play H.M.S. *Talbot* under Rugby rules. Kick-off at 4 p.m. The Club will play in striped jerseys. The following will play for the Club:

Cooper, full back; Robertson, MacDonald, Campbell (Capt.), and Lemaire, three-quarters; Roberts and Hallett, halves; Storer, Crane, Bignay, Schlanders, Wilson, Danby, Beaslove, and F. C. C. Ennor, forwards.

CHECKER.

The following will play for the I.K.C.C. v. the Navy, to-day, commencing at 10.30 sharp:—C. R. S. Cooper, J. T. Dixon, W. Dixon, W. E. Dixon, Capt. Fawcett, R. A. F. Maitland, S. Powell, Capt. Radcliffe, R. E. Lint, Rimington, S. F., Lieut. H. W. Smith, R. A., and A. G. Ward.

By kind permission of the Admiral and Officers, a Naval Band will play in the afternoon.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The 6th Club race will be sailed on Saturday, 3rd January, starting at 2 p.m., over course B. The 6th Club race will be sailed on Sunday over Course No. 1.

The 2nd Class Handicap for all races subsequent to the 4th Club race is as follows:—
Maid Marion ... 5 seconds per mile
Dorcas ... 15 "
Chanticleer ... 20 "
Moor ... 25 "
Payne & Ladybird ... 55 "

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.
FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

SHANGHAI, 31st December, 12.30 p.m.

SUICIDE OF A GERMAN
MERCHANT.

Mr. H. Lehmann, of Messrs. Arnhold, Karberg & Co., who returned to Shanghai from home on the 27th December, was found dead in bed this morning, having committed suicide for some cause unknown.

Mr. Lehmann passed through Hongkong only a little while ago on his way to Shanghai after a two months' holiday at home. He had lived in the northern port and had been connected with the firm for many years. He was well-known there and popular, and the news of his tragic death will be received with profound regret among the circle of his friends and acquaintances. The telegram which the representatives of the firm here got apprising them of the affair contained no further particulars than those given above. Mr. Lehmann was a man of fine physique, so that his death could hardly have been occasioned by ill-health. It is thought that mental derangement may have been responsible for the tragedy. Ed. D.P.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 29th December.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Mr. Chamberlain is a guest at Government House at Pietermaritzburg.

OBITUARY.

The death of the Bishop of S. Albans is announced.

MOROCCO.

It is officially confirmed that the rebels at Taza, on the 23rd instant, completely routed the Moroccan Army of 10,000 men, which precipitately fled to Fez, losing 2,000 in killed.

THE VENEZUELAN QUESTION.

The refusal of President Roosevelt to arbitrate on the Venezuela question has caused some disappointment in Berlin, consequent on the delay attending formalities of the Hague tribunal.

LONDON, 28th December.

THE DURBAR.

The Viceroy and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught made a state entry into Delhi to-day. They were mounted on superbly caparisoned elephants, and followed by a long and gorgeous procession of Indian Princes two abreast, all mounted on elephants.

THE HUMBERT FRAUDS.

The Humberts have been imprisoned in Paris.

THE SOMALILAND EXPEDITION.

The Government has accepted the services of 100 Boers for Somaliland.

MOROCCO.

The Sultan has barricaded himself in his palace at Fez and an attack on the town is expected. Resistance is impossible.

LIFE-SAVING CHINA MEN.

Yesterday morning we had the pleasure of handing to Lai Yun Sing and Cheung Mun the \$10 note which was sent to them, in our care, by a Purser gentleman in Canton in recognition of their bravery in saving the lives of a woman and two children who were thrown into the water by the capsizing of their sampan in Yumati Bay after collision with a cargo-boat, as reported in our issue of the 23rd ult. The two men were brought to this office by Inspector Williamson, Tinsahatun, who vouched for their bona-fides. Lai Yun Sing and Cheung Mun are, as we have already indicated, seamen and engineer respectively on the Yumati ferry-launch *Lee Ping*, and both are deserving of the best recognition for their brave act, which undoubtedly resulted in the saving of three lives. This is not the first occasion on which Lai Yun Sing has snatched a fellow-being from death, for he possesses the Bellios bronze medal for "saving the life of a would-be suicide in the harbour several years back. The story is best told in the words of the certificate he received at the time, and which reads:—"This is to certify that on the 15th day of February, 1895, Lai Yun Sing, fireman on board the steam launch *Kam On*, gallantly rescued a Chinese woman from death by drowning in the harbour, Victoria, Hongkong. The woman was a passenger on the steam launch, and when the launch was at full speed and passing Kowloon Point, where a strong current is always running, she threw herself overboard. Lai Yun Sing promptly threw her a life-buoy, and when it was seen she made no attempt to use it, jumped into the sea, clothed as he was, swam to her, dived after her as she was sinking, and, getting hold of her, bore her to the life-buoy and secured her in it until the launch was stopped and put back, and both were taken on board. This is further to certify that the trustees of the Bellios Fund have awarded Lai Yun Sing, for his bravery, a bronze medal and \$25. Given, under our hands at Victoria, Hongkong, this 25th day of February, 1895.—(Sd.) E. J. Eitel, Ph.D., Jno. J. Francis, trustees. The present case is one that may very well be taken up by the Royal Humane Society as well as by the trustees for the Bellios Fund.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A special meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon in the Board Room for the purpose of considering what action, if any, the Board should take in view of the fact that four cases of plague had occurred in this city during the month of December. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Principal Civil Medical Officer (President), presided, and there were also present, Hon. W. Chatham, Director of Public Works; Hon. Dr. F. W. Clark, Medical Officer of Health; Colonel Webb, R.A.M.C.; Mr. C. McI. Messer, Acting Registrar-General; Mr. E. Osborne, Mr. Fung Wa Chun, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, and Mr. G. A. Woodcock (Secretary).

PLAQUE IN HONGKONG.

The President—Gentlemen, my excuse for calling you together at such short notice is that three cases of plague have occurred within the last twelve days, two within the last 48 hours and in one part of the Fourth District, the neighbourhood of Wo On Lane. I have called you together to see whether the Board think it desirable to take any measures with reference to clearing this block of buildings of their inhabitants. If these measures are to prove of any use they must be taken immediately; otherwise I would have given you longer notice.

The Secretary read a minute on the subject, prepared by the Medical Officer of Health, recommending the closing of the houses and that the Government be approached with a view to making provision for the accommodation of the displaced inhabitants.

Mr. Fung Wa Chun—This is a very narrow lane, is it not?

Hon. Dr. Clark—Fifteen feet wide.

Mr. Fung Wa Chun—How many people will be displaced by the clearing of the block of buildings?

Hon. Dr. Clark—About 1,500 people of the chair-coolies class. All of them will not go into the houses provided for the displaced inhabitants; many will find quarters of their own.

The President—You will recollect that similar measures were taken in January with reference to two cases that occurred at Jardine's Dock. I move that the Government be recommended to meet certain houses to provide accommodation for the people displaced.

Mr. Osborne seconded.

Mr. Fung Wa Chun—May I ask if there will be enough accommodation in the houses proposed to be taken for the housing of these people?

Hon. W. Chatham—There will be enough. The motion was agreed to.

The President—It is necessary for the Board to order the immediate closing of these houses. The Board has power under the By-laws for the Prevention of Mitigation of Epidemic, Puerile or Contagious Disease, on the certificate of the Medical Officer of Health or other qualified practitioner, to close houses that are unfit for human habitation (that certificate is here), and the occupants may be removed after 24 hours notice. We can give them such notice as the Board think necessary. I move that the houses Nos. 1 to 17, Wo On Lane, Nos. 15, 17, 19, 21, and 23, D'Aguilar Street, and No. 19, Wing Wah Lane be closed as unfit for human habitation.

Hon. W. Chatham seconded.

Mr. Osborne—Twenty-four hours is a little too soon, is it not?

The President—I move that we declare the district in which these houses are an infected district for the purposes of house-to-house visitation. It is bounded by Pottinger Street on the west, Wellington Street on the north, and Wyndham Street on the east and south.

Hon. Dr. Clark seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Dr. Clark—I move also that Inspectors Reidie and Fincher be authorized to make this house-to-house visitation, with such other assistance as is necessary.

Hon. W. Chatham seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

RIFLE MATCH.

A match between the Range Staff and the Royal Engineers was fired at Kowloon Range on the 23rd December. Scores—

RANGE STAFF.				
	200 yds.	300 yds.	400 yds.	Total
Col. Serjt. F. S. Cross	33	30	29	92
Serjt. Instr. F. Davis	25	33	31	89
Serjt. Instr. J. Griffiths	29	29	30	88
C. P. O. E. Denner	34	30	22	86
Lieut. Stanbury, R.N.	27	31	27	85
P.O. S. Chiao	28	23	31	82
P.O. I. P. Allen	33	22	26	81
Pte. E. Evans	27	29	25	81

Average 85.5.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

	200 yds.	300 yds.	400 yds.	Total
Staff Serjt. McSweeney	31	32	30	93
Serjt. Thornhill	32	32	30	94
Sapper McEwen	31	27	31	89
Major Baker-Brown	30	32	25	87
Sapper Palmer	29	28	23	80
L. Corp. Robertson	29	28	22	79
Corpl. Angus	29	25	29	83
Sapper Colley	23	27	23	73

Average 84.0.

The Range Staff thus won by 12 points.

The *Hongkong Star* tells of a remarkable fish that was recently caught at Kowloon. At first glance the fish did not seem any different from an ordinary good sized sea bass. An examination, however, disclosed a startling condition. The fish enjoys the unusual distinction, continues the article, of possessing a set of teeth almost entirely to those of a human being. Instead of the row of five teeth usually found in a fish of apparently the same character, this particular fish has incisors and molars that are well defined. On the upper jaw are sixteen teeth and on the lower eighteen. There are four incisors on each jaw. Even the wisdom teeth are there. The four front teeth are sharp, like the fangs of a dog and protrude from the mouth. They are not set close together like the teeth of a human being, but the wisdom and second teeth are set so close that the fish was also found to possess a tongue very similar to that of a human being. Otherwise there is nothing unusual about the appearance of the fish. It is provided with six fins and measures about two feet in length.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Long before Miss Janet Waldorf's Dramatic Company came to Hongkong the fame of *Sweet Nell* had echoed through the East. Theatre-lovers here had heard of its London success and awaited the first opportunity of seeing a play which, having for its story so old a theme, had sprung upon the world an entirely new sensation. That opportunity came last night when, thanks to Miss Waldorf's Company, the charms of *Sweet Nell* as a high-class comedy were revealed to a delighted audience. History has told again and again, the romantic love-story of Nell Gwynne, the orange-girl of Drury Lane, and Charles II, the "Merry Monarch" of England. The plot of the play is none other than this well-known tale, yet it comes upon us with all the charm of freshness and novelty. We find Nell Gwynne selling oranges outside the King's Theatre, Drury Lane, and learn her love for Sir Roger Fairfax which she has bravely overcome for the sake of the Lady Olivia Vernon, who is engaged to him. She saves Olivia from a rude attack by Lord Rochester, one of Charles' rakish friends, and Lord Lovelace, a typical dandy of the day. Sir Roger Fairfax has been banished from England at the instance of Lord Jeffreys, the bio thirty Chief Justice, who owes him a grudge and has trumped up a charge of treachery against him. Fairfax returns to see his sweetheart, the Lady Olivia, and Nell, sacrificing her own devotion, helps them to a secret meeting. They are tracked by Lord Jeffreys' agent, who learns of Nell's part in aiding the supposed traitor. In the meantime Nell meets the King, without knowing his rank, and a charming scene is enacted. Nell completely captivates Charles by her roguishness and candour, and Jeffreys' plans are thwarted when the Merry Monarch proclaims his intention to befriend her and put her on the stage. In the second act we find Nell a great actress, the King's favourite and the idol of the people. She is the same open-hearted girl, however, and shows this in some touching acts of goodness and charity. The story of Lady Castlemaine and the Duchess of Portsmouth, whom Nell has succeeded in the King's favour, provides some entertaining play. We then follow the story of Charles' love and the scheming of Lord Jeffreys, who tries to prove that Nell is harbouring Fairfax as a lover and this stirs up the King's jealousy. In the third act Nell is threatened with disgrace, but by impersonating Lord Jeffreys she gains proofs of the plot against Fairfax and herself, and thus outwits her enemies. In the final scenes of the play Nell Gwynne completes her triumphs and a pretty scene with the King ends an enchanting play.

The play was mounted on a first-class scale and dressed according to the best traditions of the period. For the costumes, which were all that could be desired, great credit is due to Mrs. J. W. Wisby, the wardrobe mistress of the Company. We understand that this is the first appearance of the Company in this piece and that the whole arrangements for its production have been made during the past two or three weeks. If this be so, Mrs. Dow-Currier has accomplished wonders. She has on several occasions displayed a talent for management which is simply remarkable in a woman. For this production she is to be complimented in the highest degree, for the thoroughness and completeness with which it has been staged.

Of the acting of the piece we must curtail our criticism in this issue owing to the exigencies of space. It must be said, however, that Miss Janet Waldorf has revealed to us once more a versatility which is astonishing. Her performance of her first opportunity here in high-class comedy and she has acquitted herself in a manner which merited all the applause she gained. The saucy orange girl full of piquant witticisms and bubbling over with vivacity, found an excellent exponent in Miss Waldorf. She was perhaps more at home in the stronger passages, and in the affecting love scenes with Charles where she had full play for her emotional powers. As Charles II, Mr. Naval McGregor was superb. He invested the part with necessary kingly grace and while he illustrated the weaknesses of the Merry Monarch he never seemed to forget that it was the rôle of a great English monarch that he was assuming. He looked the character splendidly and altogether shared with Miss Waldorf the honours of a very fine performance. The character of Lord Jeffreys could not have fallen into better hands than those of Mr. Wilson Forbes, who exhibited all the repulsiveness of a character which shall always remain a blot on the page of English history. Of the other characters more will be said anon. For the present it is sufficient to state that a large cast of characters was filled with all-round thoroughness.

Sweet Nell of Old Drury will be repeated to-night and deserves another crowded house. Owing to delay in departure and the success of *Sweet Nell*, the management announces one extra performance to-morrow night. This will be absolutely the final appearance of the Company in Hongkong.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of India* left Vancouver on the 29th ult., p.m., for Hongkong, via the usual ports of call.

The O. & O. steamer *Doria*, with mails, &c., will leave Yokohama for usual ports and Hongkong to-day.

The N.G.I. steamer *Leitch* left Singapore for this port on the 31st ult., and may be expected here on the 6th inst.

The "Barber" Line steamer *Lothian*, from Japan, China and Hongkong, arrived at New York on the 27th ult.

The O.S.S. steamer *Telemachus* left Singapore on the 31st ult., and is expected here on the 31st inst.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 31st December.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR A. C. WISE (PUNISH JUDGE).

SEQUEL TO A COMPROMISOR'S FRAUDS.

In this case the Tysing shop claimed from Messrs. Lanta, Wegener & Co. the sum of \$1,125, restricted to \$1,000, as damages for the non-delivery of 100 cases of beer, being part of 200 cases purchased by the plaintiffs from the defendants and paid for on 23rd June, 1902, the other portion of which, namely, 100 cases, was taken delivery of by the plaintiffs on or about 30th June, 1902.

Mr. J. Hastings of Messrs. Deacon & Hastings, solicitors, appeared for the plaintiff firm, and Mr. G. C. Master of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, solicitors, for the defendants.

Mr. Hastings, in his opening statement, said that the plaintiffs had had several large transactions for seven years with the defendants, and following the practice in the case of Chinese dealing with Europeans, the transactions had been carried out through the agency of plaintiff's compradore. Defendant's agent, Chak A Tong, came to the plaintiffs' compradore in June, 1902, asking for an order for beer. An order was given for 200 cases. The price in the agreement was \$9.25, but they were using on the present market price, which had gone up to \$11.25. A sum of \$1,850 was paid to the compradore to cover the transaction and on 30th June 100 cases were delivered. Although repeated applications were made for the delivery of the remaining 100 cases, plaintiffs could not get them. Then the compradore absconded. Plaintiffs wrote to the defendants and a long correspondence ensued, the result of which was the present proceedings.

Among the witnesses examined was Mr. J. J. Fook, partner in the defendant firm. In June, he said, he was the only partner of the firm in Hongkong and was in charge of everything. Their course of business with regard to selling of goods, such as beer for instance, was for their compradore to go round and solicit orders; when he obtained an order it was referred to the firm for settlement, as to delivery, terms of payment, &c. The compradore was not authorised to sell beer to whom he liked, when he liked, or at what price he liked. All transactions required to have his (witness') signature before a settlement could be made. As regards the method of delivery after settlement, the dealer would send a request in Chinese or English to the compradore's office. After he had signed it, and arranged about it, the delivery order book was used. No case could be delivered out of the godown without his signature. He had no transactions with the Tysing firm during June. The last transaction they had with the Tysing firm was on 13th May. Since then they had had no transactions with the firm for the sale of beer, but the compradore about this alleged sale of beer at \$9.25. He had not sold any beer at \$9.25 in June. The last sold to Chinese dealers at that price was years ago. The lowest price at which this beer was sold to dealers, Chinese and European, during June was \$11.25. He had sold three cases to their own clerks for their mess at \$10.50 per case, in June; with that exception the price was \$11.25. It would have been impossible to entertain an order of \$9.25 per case in June. He did not send a delivery order for 100 cases to the Tysing firm in June. He did sign a delivery order for the delivery of beer to the Tysing firm on 11th July. His compradore was arrested on 10th July and charged with forgery. He was bailed out a week later and disappeared. Over 500 cases of beer were sold in June; these were sold at \$11.25, not at \$9.25. In May he sold some beer to the Tysing firm at \$11.25, and the latter paid that money. Cross-examined—He had been in Hongkong since the end of March. Previous to that he was in Swatow. The compradore when he went out soliciting orders knew the price of the beer, but no transaction was completed without witness's signature. In former sales to the Tysing firm the money was collected through the compradore. The compradore was charged with the forgery of promissory notes. Some of his books were found to contain many false entries. He swindled the firm all round. The firm had securities for the absconding compradore; these consisted of property, but they had not got any money yet.

Mr. Hastings—Do you expect to get any? Witness—I hope so.

Mr. Hastings—Is it \$100,000? Witness—I expect it may be more. Shown the delivery order referring to the delivery of beer to Hing Cheong Loong; witness admitted that there was no receipt or chop upon it denoting that beer had been received; he did not of his own knowledge know that Hing Cheong Loong ever received it. The chop on the delivery order was the Chinese godown-man's chop. The promissory note he had from Hing Cheong Loong was one of those supposed to be forged by the absconding compradore. He had nothing to show that they received the beer; in fact, Hing Cheong Loong denied that he had received it. That promissory note was being charged against the compradore.

This concluded the evidence.

The case was adjourned till Tuesday next at 10.15 a.m.

HOIHOW.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

ANNUAL SPORTS.

The 3rd annual Hoihow sports meeting was held on Christmas Day on the Customs Palm Tree Site, in the presence of the Taoist, and a goodly number of European and Chinese residents. The weather was threatening throughout, but the programme was run through without a hitch. Details—

Judge—J. Acheson, Esq., Commissioner of Customs.

Starter—G. A. Forsyth, Esq.

Committee—Dr. G. Sibill, Messrs. B. Ryan, and F. G. Veitch.

RESULTS.

Pig Race—Owners to drive their own pigs.

Two prizes.

Mr. Veitch's ... *Silk Purse II.* 1

Mr. Pedersen's ... *Kjohobaben II.* 2

Mr. Ryan's ... *Moriturus II.* 3

100 YAR S HANDBALL—Two prizes.

Mr. Murray (10 yards) ... 1

Mr. Otto (5 yards) ... 2

Mr. Bocher (6 yards) ... 3

10 started.

SACK RACE—Two prizes.

Mr. Mottram ... 1

Mr. Murray ... 2

Mr. Pedersen ... 3

EGG AND SPOON RACE—Two prizes.

Mr. Veitch ... 1

Mr. Murray ... 2

Mr. Mottram ... 3

4 started.

STONE AND BUCKET RACE—Two prizes.

Mr. Mottram ... 1

Mr. Murray ... 2

Mr. Pedersen ... 3

9 started.

THREE-LEGGED RACE—One prize for each of the two winners. Partners drawn for.

Messrs. Murray and McKenzie ... 1

Messrs. Pedersen and McDougall ... 2

Messrs. Mottram and Veitch ... 3

WATER-POT RACE—Competitors to carry a tin full of water on their heads for 100 yds.

Two prizes.

Mr. Mottram ... 1

Mr. Pedersen ... 2

Mr. Murray ... 3

CONSOLATION RACE—One prize.

Mr. Pedersen ... 1

Mr. Dougall ... 2

Mr. Murray ... 3

GREASY PIG.—For boatmen and Chinese in European employ.

Won by No. 1 Customs boatman.

POINTS COMPETITION.—Winner of each event to receive 5 points, second 3 points, and third 1 point. Previous winners of this event were debared.

Mr. Murray, 1st prize (Taoist's Cup).

Mr. Pedersen, 2nd prize.

THE JAPANESE SAILOR.

In the October number of *Pearson's Magazine* an entertaining article upon the Japanese navy and the Japanese sailor is given by Mr. M. Tindal. Not 50 years ago Japan's fleet consisted merely of a few old junks bearing one sail apiece. Now she has such a magnificent navy of ironclads, cruisers, and formidable torpedo boats that even we ourselves are proud to join forces with it. "It was not until after the war with China that Japan realized that, as an island kingdom of importance, she must possess a powerful navy if she would live. More attention than ever before was now paid to the national defence. For the last quarter of a century these have been established on a conscription basis. All males are liable to serve in the standing army for seven years—three in active service—the system of reserves, of 'Landwehr' and 'Landsturm' classes, being modelled precisely on the German system. For naval purposes the kingdom is divided into five maritime districts, the headquarters being at Yokosuka, in the Bay of Yeddo. The Minister of Marine ranks as one of the Imperial Cabinet, and administers the Imperial navy from Tokyo. The entire force, numbering 20,000 men, is trained in accordance with the principles of the British navy. The two naval colleges, one at Yeshima, the other at Tokyo, might be respectively H.M.S. *Britannia*, and the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. The courses are longer, however, and, if anything, more difficult. Just now the army and navy are the favourite professions for the young men of Japan. The navy particularly is very popular, as it should be with an island people. A notable feature is the lack of snobbery among the officers. Class distinctions, as far as individuals are concerned, do not exist. Our Government doesn't care for class, said the Japanese naval attaché in England, when discussing these things with me, drawing himself up proudly. 'It needs proper men, and so long as they have good brains and bodies, it doesn't matter where they spring from; a fisherman is as good as a prince among his fellows. Princes get no favours. Everything entirely depends on examinations, and how they are passed.' Every Japanese boy who does not enter the army or navy as a cadet, on attaining the manly age of 14, is examined by Government inspectors, and drafted either into the army or navy according to the inspectors' opinions as to which service he will grace best. The boy's personal inclinations go for little, unless his qualifications are ranged on the same side. Broadly speaking, farmers, agriculturists of any kind, and shopmen go to the army; fishermen, boatmen, dwellers by the sea, to the navy."

WEAPONS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

An article recently appeared in the United States *Army and Navy Journal* on the weapons used in the late war, which is particularly interesting as representing the opinions which were apparently generally held among the Boers, and which, it may be observed, are constantly quoted in the Continental Press, as if they really were to be regarded as the final pronouncement on this subject. The writer, Joubert Reitz, says that the "first discovery made was that side-arms are to all intents and purposes useless," and that it is not worth carrying them for the few opportunities that still arise of using them. In fact, because bayonet charges occur more rarely nowadays than formerly, they can be left out of account altogether. There is an old French saying (*Le bon bout de l'autre qui tend la jambe*) which is peculiarly applicable to the use of the bayonet, and with a few words rarely waited to perform the latter part of the process it is not surprising that the opportunity for trying the other occurred equally seldom. Similarly the statement that the lance is a useless and cumbersome weapon, to be discarded, is explicable on much the same grounds. It is easy enough to say now that the "ten minutes' pigsticking" at Elandshagte resulted in a fiasco. Apart from these criticisms, however, the rest of the paper is on the whole very sound. The writer considers that the best and only arm of the modern soldier is the magazine rifle, but that the automatic pistol is not sufficiently effective. Comparing the Mauser and Krug Jorgensen with our service rifle he naturally, and probably rightly, considers that the latter is out and away the worst of the three. But with all modern rifles he says that the rapidity of fire leads men to waste ammunition. Similarly, the writer is probably justified in his remarks concerning our field gun most unfavourably with the more modern Krupp and Cremona guns possessed by the Boers, but he admits that the British howitzers did extremely well—"in a four-foot trench one is always safe from a gun, but from a howitzer one is never safe." Of the "pom-pom" he says that it is a "devilish invention, not on account of the damage it does, but its moral effect of tremendous. The article closes with the concluding remarks that "if the British take advantage of the lessons they learnt in the war, and I am afraid they are the only ones who will do so, they can in five years' time put an army in the field that will be able to fight almost any army in the world, for the British soldier is armed with the latest and best arms, would be a dangerous foe to even the mighty armies of Germany and Russia."

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FEW DOORS EAST OF HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1902.

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NOTICE.

WE ARE NOW OFFERING FOR SALE AT COST PRICE THE UNDERMENTIONED

VALUABLE GOODS,

WHICH WERE NOT DISPOSED OF BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE

20th DECEMBER.

THEY COMPRISE OF

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S SOLID GOLD WATCHES, 14 AND 18-KTS; AMERICAN GOLD-FILLED WATCHES (GENUINE), HIGHEST GRADE LEVER MOVEMENT GUARANTEED FROM 10 TO 25 YEARS BY THE KEYSTONE WATCH CASE COMPANY OF AMERICA.

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DECLINE IN USE OF GOLD.

Mr. George E. Roberts, the Director of the U.S. Mint, in his annual report says that the coins minted at Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco were in operation throughout the fiscal year. The number of pieces of the coinage of the year has never been exceeded, aggregating 191,419,509, but in value it has fallen from \$136,340,781 in 1901 to \$94,526,677, this being due to the greater demand for the small denominations. Gold coinage dropped from \$99,065,715 to \$91,369,372, but the stock of gold bullion on hand increased from \$100,219,493 to \$124,083,712. The coinage of silver dollars amounted to \$19,402,600, subsidiary silver coins to \$10,713,569 and minor coins to \$2,429,736.

The original gold deposits of the year amounted to \$132,580,539. Gold bars taken for export amounted to \$36,332,678 and for domestic consumption to \$14,452,578.

The capacity of the mint at San Francisco is being increased by the introduction there of methods and equipment that have proven successful in Philadelphia. The director says that the increased capacity of the mints at Philadelphia and San Francisco and the prospective opening of the new mint at Denver will give the country a much greater capacity than it has heretofore had, while on the other hand the pressure on the mints is almost ready to relax, instead of increase. The coinage of 1,500,000 silver dollars per month, now required by law, will come to an end soon by the exhaustion of the stock of bullion. This requirement now calls for the entire capacity of the New Orleans Mint. When the dollars coinage

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NEW YEAR'S NIGHT.
THE GREAT ZAMONI.
PREMIER CONJURER, VENTRILOQUIST AND MUSICIAN.
Prices ... \$1.50, \$1, and 50 cents.
SATURDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1903, 7.30 p.m.
The Greatest Entertainer of the Orient. [3520]

THE above School will RESUME WORK on MONDAY the 4th of JANUARY
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [3522]

NOTICE.

WE have this day authorised Mr. W. E. PUCHER to SIGN our FILM by PROSECUTION.
SANDER, WIELEK & CO.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [3523]

NOTICE.

MR. ERNST OTTO STRUCKMEYER has this day been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm at Hongkong and in China.
SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [3518]

NOTICE.

MR. M. GROTE having retired on the 31st December last from the Firm of **HEMSKERK & GROTE**, the business of Exchange Brokers will be continued by the Undersigned under the style of **HEMSKERK & CO.**
Mr. TH. CHRISTIAN has been authorised to SIGN the FILM.
J. J. BYSTERUS HEMSKEK.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [3514]

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. EDWARD SHELLIM in our Firm ceased on the 31st December, 1902.
S. J. DAVID & CO.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [3517]

NOTICE.

THE RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. AUG. MULLER in my Firm ceases with to-day.
Mr. H. SCHUMACHER is authorised to SIGN my FILM PROSECUTION.
FERD. BOHNEMANN.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [3524]

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. JAMES DUKE MONRO and **Mr. ROBERT LYMAN RICHARDSON** in our Firm ceased on 31st December, 1902, and **Mr. ARTHUR LYMAN MAGGOWAN** and **Mr. ANDREW FORBES** are this day admitted PARTNERS.
1st January, 1903.
BRADLEY & CO. [3515]

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. E. A. BROCKELMANN in our Firm ceased on the 31st December, a.p.
The business will be carried on under the same style as hitherto by the remaining partners, **Mr. H. HEYN** and **Mr. E. R. FUHRMANN**.
Mr. CHRISTIAN NONCHEN, our Manager in Tientsin, has been authorised to SIGN the FILM.
Mr. ARNO EMANUEL and **Mr. CARL THIEL** have been authorised to SIGN our FILM by PROSECUTION.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903.
REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO. [3516]

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THE above business has this day been REMOVED to the more commodious premises at
3, DUDDELL STREET,
where the latest Machinery for producing **FIRST-CLASS LITHOGRAPHIC WORK** is now being introduced.
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BOOKBINDING DONE.
AGENTS for Messrs. PAISON'S Bros., Paper Merchants, New York, London, and Sydney.
Leading lines kept in stock on sale.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [3519]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS will be ready on Saturday, and will contain—
Leading Articles—
The Record of the Year
The Race of Europe
Yunnan Railway Question
Unmilitated China
Hongkong Saturday Board
Fires in Hongkong
The Evacuation of Shanghai
Masque Affairs
Entertainment
Theatre Royal
Macao
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Hailow
Peechow
Northern Notes
Correspondence
China Borneo Co. Ltd.
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co. Ltd.
Cricket
Football
Local and District Events, 1902.
Hongkong and Port News.
Subscription, \$12 per Annum, payable in advance; postage, \$2.
Extra copies 30 cents each. Cash.
Copies can be posted from the Office to addresses sent; including postage 34 cents each, or \$1 for three copies, Cash.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE COMPETITION on SATURDAY, 3rd January, will be a HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKES over the 200, 500, and 600 yards Range, commencing at 2 P.M. Entries on the Range, closing at 2.30 P.M. Entrance 50 cents each with \$30 added. Four prizes—40 per cent., 30 per cent., 20 per cent., and 10 per cent. The highest net score to receive a good Mattress Cross.
M. S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [116]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

UNDER Orders from Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents for Ocean Steamship Co., Ltd., I have been instructed to sell by Public Auction, **TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 2nd JANUARY, 1903, at 10 A.M., at their Warehouse, 10, East Point, for ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,** The following Fire and Salt Water damaged Cargo, ex ss. "SUNGLANG" from Manila, arrived 23rd December, 1902, for transhipment to London by O.S.S. Co. steamer—
A Quantity of HEMP consisting of 400 Bales, or what portion remains thereof, of the following Marks, as it now lies sunk in Native Lighter No. 251, in the harbour within 150 ft. of the Quay opposite Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's Warehouse Godowns, East Point:
Mark. Bales. Mark. Bales.
CF in diamond 2 CF in diamond 4
SA CXC
CF in diamond 5 KC 1
YLA JC
CF in diamond 26 KC 1
YMA X
CF in diamond 30 SB 59
CB CS
CF in diamond 176 SB 38
FC RR
CF in diamond 3 SB 2
CC MR
CF in diamond 1 YC
CF in diamond 52 YXC
Also the following 9 Bales Hemp damaged by salt water and fire—
SB 3 Bales
MR 8
SB 8
MR 1
CS 1
TERMS—As usual.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [3525]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND POOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship
"HAICHING,"
Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 2nd January, at 11 A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAMPAK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 31st December, 1902. [3513]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.
(Fiorio and Rubattino United Companies.)
STEAMSHIP FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUER, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BAUCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)
THE Steamship
"ISCHIA,"
Captain Mazio, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 12th inst. at Noon.
At Bombay the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.
For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [4]

THE HONGKONG FROZEN FOOD SUPPLY.
DEPT. NO. 3, ICE HOUSE LANE.
Telephone No. 343

THE attention of Public is directed to the facilities offered by the above Company for the supply of Frozen Australian Produce, &c., which is brought from Australia in vessels SPECIAL FITTED for its carriage and which ensures its arrival in the best condition.
The following are the prices of the last shipment landed ex ss. "TAIYUAN"—
Lard and chops—Various.
Mutton 27 cts. per lb., 15 cts. per lb., 10 cts. per lb.
Pork 25 " " 20 " " 13 " "
Rabbits " " " 80.70 each.
Hares " " " 1.30
Turkeys " " " 0.70 per lb.
Butter, free (1 lb. pats) 0.90
Cheese " " " 0.90
Milk, concentrated \$0.40 per tin (1 pint) 1 lb. tin, 2 lb. tin.
Apples " " " \$ 3.55 \$1.00
Cherries " " " 0.55 1.00
Cantaloupes " " " 0.55 1.00
Greenpeas " " " 0.50 0.80
Peaches " " " 0.55 1.00
Pears " " " 0.45 0.80
Plums " " " 0.45 0.80
Tongues, Sheep, 1 lb. tin, \$1.75 each
Ox " " " 2.50 each
Pass Books will be supplied to, and Credit Accounts kept with well known residents.
All orders sent in before 8 a.m. can be filled by noon and orders left before noon can be filled by 3.30 p.m.
Orders for following morning can be sent in during the day.
All orders will be executed at the Depot, No. 3, Ice House Lane.
WM. FARLANE,
Manager.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [3521]

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.
I BEG to notify that on and after the 1st JANUARY, 1903, the SUBSCRIPTION to the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" will be as follows—
PER QUARTER \$9
PER MONTH \$3
ALFRED CUNNINGHAM,
Manager.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1902. [3502]

ENTERTAINMENT

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

OWING to delay in departure, THE JANET WALDORF CO. will give an EXTRA PERFORMANCE of "SWEET NELL OF OLD DRURY," TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) NIGHT, 2nd JANUARY, POSITIVELY THE LAST APPEARANCE. [3170]

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Apply to—C. F. DE CARVALHO,
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Hongkong, 14th November, 1902. [3029]

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"THE RETREAT," MOUNT KELLET.
FLATS in MORETON TERRACE,
CAUSEWAY BAY, facing the Polo Ground.
No. 1, RIFON TERRACE.
GODOWNS at BOWENSTON (PRAYA EAST).
GROUND FLOOR of No. 4, BLUE BUILDING.
HOUSES in LEIGHTON HILL ROAD.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [71]

NOS. 1 & 3 "MAGDALEN TERRACE,"
Corner houses, MAGAZINE GAP.
Apply to—
SPANISH PROCURATION.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [977]

NOS. 73, WYNDHAM STREET.
Apply to—
S. A. SETH,
Dairy Farm Co.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1902. [3322]

NOS. 33, LEIGHTON HILL ROAD.
Double-frontage House.
Apply to—
AHMET RUMJAHN,
62, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 27th September, 1902. [2576]

MEIRION No. 2, the Peak, 6 Rooms.
House near the Flagstaff; from 15th October, 1902.
Apply to—
E. JONES HUGHES.
Hongkong, 7th October, 1902. [2679]

GODOWNS, paved with granite, at
Wanchai. Suitable for storage of Coal or any other dry Merchandise. With Pier.
Apply to—
HASON LEE,
253, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1902. [3295]

HOUSE No. 6, MOSQUE JUNCTION
(near Robinson Road), containing Four Rooms, Servants' Quarters, Kitchen and Bath-room.
Apply to—
J. D. DARROS,
No. 46, Elgin Street.
Hongkong, 26th November, 1902. [3148]

"WESTLEY," UPPER RICHMOND ROAD.
Apply to—
LAU CHU PAK,
Care of A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 16th October, 1902. [2764]

HOUSE No. 3, LOWER CASTLE ROAD.
Immediate Possession.
Apply to—
COMPRADORE OFFICE,
Care of Messrs. W. G. Humphreys & Co.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1902. [3387]

OFFICES at 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Apply to—
G. GIRAULT.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1903. [128]

A HOUSE at the PEAK. Partly furnished, from 1st January until 30th June, 1903.
Apply—
28, BONHAM ROAD, West Point.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1902. [3200]

SPACIOUS NEW HOUSES and FLATS.
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Apply to—
S. A. SETH,
Dairy Farm Co.;
or
KWONG SUN TAI,
34, Wing Lok Street.
Hongkong, 27th November, 1902. [3166]

BAHAR LODGE, the Peak.
For terms and particulars, apply to—
HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 7th October, 1902. [2678]

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"HINCILLAE LACHRYMAE,"

BY "NOWGLI."

"It does seem so dreadful when one comes to think of it," said Mrs. Gatacre plaintively to a circle of listeners in the ladies' room at the Garrison Club at Gibraltar. "The hollows under the chin and the frowning in the society. One feels sometimes 'Oh for a really honest soul!' Don't you know what I mean?" she concluded appealingly. She spoke in a languid contralto voice, of an order frequently doctored as 'sympathetic,' and her large eyes, turning upon first one and then another of her audience.

"I quite agree with you, Mrs. Gatacre," came a crisp, short tone from a tall and very young lady with a wide mouth, big chin, and steady gaze. "But without it, you know, that fabric we call 'Society' would collapse utterly." "New I must beg to differ from you, Mrs. Evatt," said Mrs. Gatacre in her most contralto accents and with some rancour, for Mrs. Evatt's sunny reasons of good looks, youth, and husband's seniority in rank, was no beloved of Mrs. Gatacre. "I consider," continued the lady, "that remark of yours quite a slur upon all of us, and I see no reason why Society should not be quite as sincere and as candid as any body else; and in fact don't you think," turning to the other ladies, "that it would be nice to form a guild for the promotion of sincerity and all that sort of thing in Society?"

"Charming!" murmured one or two ladies in doubtful voices. "It would help to raise us and elevate us," proceeded Mrs. Gatacre, who had just been reading an article in the *Princess*, and we should be doing an inestimable service to our sex."

Mrs. Evatt laughed. "At the end of a week you will none of you be on speaking terms," she said.

Mrs. Gatacre signified her disapproval by half turning her back as she said: "Why shouldn't we put it to the vote? I vote for it."

Whereupon every one voted for it likewise, and Mrs. Evatt added: "Tell me what, I'll be the president if you like, and run the whole show."

Many voices chimed an eager assent, for Mrs. Evatt was popular with the ladies, both on account of her genial good nature as well as her smiling defiance on occasions when it suited her convenience of the ladies of Mrs. Gatacre.

Grandly, they were admitted at a distance, but had not the place to initiate.

Now Mrs. Gatacre's countenance fell, for it was in her mind to "boss" (there she herself) it being ever her desire to become a power among the ladies in the station. But before she could utter a sound, as later she told her husband, "that Evatt woman sat herself at the head of the table, and began to enquire members."

"And now for the rules," said Mrs. Evatt, looking up from the list of names before her. "The Gibraltar Ladies' Guild, for the production of that sincerity, whose absence in Society is so greatly to be deplored by all right-minded and philanthropic persons. Each suggest one in turn; there mustn't be more than six."

The following were at length evolved and agreed to by all present:—

1. That every lady undertakes, upon every occasion and under every circumstance, to speak the truth, and nothing besides.

2. That any member of the Guild, over-hearing any other member break Rule 1 shall immediately confront her with the fact.

3. That any lady who breaks either of these rules more than six times in one week shall be ejected from the Guild at its next meeting. (With force, if necessary.)

4. That a prize of a gold bangle shall be awarded to the lady most successful in keeping the rules of the Guild; the prize to be ascertained by the other members.

5. The amount of member's subscriptions to vary inversely with their success in keeping the rules.

6. Every member at each meeting of the Guild shall be prepared to state the numbers of times the rules have been broken by her, and the circumstances attending each occurrence.

There having been read aloud for the instruction of all present, the fair contingent made their adieux, and with smiling faces went their several ways.

During the ensuing week, various incidents occurred, only some of which—for lack of time to recount them all—are here set forth:—

"Thank you so much," said the hostess at a musical At Home, to a rubicund youth, as he quitted the place and nipped his streaming brow, after bowling of his "low" and his "hearer" and his "fainting soul" for an exasperating ten minutes. He does sing so charmingly—so sympathetically—does he not? to inform its Member 8, who happened to sit next her.

She glared round wildly, helpless despair written large upon her countenance, and finally uttered in quivering accents: "Well—or—I must say—or—I can't say I think he does quite. In fact," as she glanced about the whole truth flashed before her, "I think he sings nicely."

"Really," remarked the hostess frigidly. The singer scowled with muteable fury, and there was something like a panic among the guests, all of whom ignored Member 8 for the rest of the evening.

"I do hope you had a good time," purred the smiling hostess to Mrs. Gatacre as she bade good-bye, after providing an afternoon's will enjoyment in the shape of rounders and a sponge-cake tea.

"Yes, thanks, so delightful," cooed that lady, as she recalled her frantic attempts at running in tight stays and a train. "But—or—I'm slightly fatigued"—with a charming little simper.

"Mrs. Gatacre, your statement was incorrect," said the voice of Mrs. Evatt from behind. "What you mean is: 'I've had a fearful afternoon. I've hated every minute of it, and have never been so bored in all my life. I loathe rounders, not being so young as I once was, and the tea was beastly.' I heard you say all that."

With a cheerful good-bye Mrs. Evatt then departed, leaving the transfixed hostess and half-fainting Mrs. Gatacre staring into each other's faces.

"I'm so sorry I cut you out when you called to-day," murmured Member 16 to the colonel of her husband's regiment; "but I was lying down, as I had such a fearful headache."

"Not a bit of it," remarked Member 12 from behind her. "She had got Captain St. Clair all alone to tea, and didn't wish to be interrupted. She's quite gone on him, you know, and hates you really, though she thinks it pays well to flatter with you."

The Colonel gasped and spluttered, and both ladies fled.

"I'm so glad I was out when you called," said Member 13 sweetly to a Naval officer and his wife whom she met in the gardens. "You're horribly common, Captain Browne, and you dress abominably. Mrs. Browne, and I have no desire to cultivate your acquaintance. Good-bye."

"Dear Lady Hope, you do look so young and so fresh, and I know you have been married as long as I have. How do you manage it?" asked Member 14 of the General's wife, whom she delighted to flatter upon and flatter.

"I'll tell you, but in memory, I quickly 'She's somewhere in powder and paint; her hair is matted and her hair is dyed; but you know it as well as I do, because we were both darning it the other day.'"

Several invitations were received by astonished individuals, couched in the following terms:—"Dear Susan—So, we have heard you ask you to dine with us next Thursday at 8 o'clock, merely as a matter of duty and not from any desire to entertain you.—Yours sincerely, So-and-so."

The climax was reached when the Governor sent out invitations for a ball. Now the Governor's balls were debased of all man and womanhood, and the A.D.C. in waiting torn his hair and sat down upon the floor in horror when he opened five or six notes written thus:—

Major and Mrs. Hoxley accept the invitation of H.E. the Governor and Lady Stride because they must, and not because they want to; for their balls are dull and tedious, and the supper is a rule not edible.

Because some of these epistles were from ladies who for various reasons had incurred the displeasure of that A.D.C., he took the letters and showed them to H.E. the Governor, who in towering and stuttering rage communicated with the General, who sent for the Colonels of the regiments implicated, who sent for their officers and requested their reasons in writing. The officers returned to the bosom of their families and abused their better halves in measured terms, and there were tears and lamentations and a general upset, and the ladies with one accord put the whole of the blame on Mrs. Gatacre. Mrs. Gatacre received a communication from the Governor through the A.A.G., the D. A.G., the Colonel, and her husband, and went to bed with pronounced hysteria for three days.

It was the occasion of the second meeting of the Ladies' Guild, and Mrs. Evatt, erect and smiling, sat at the head of the table, a copy of the rules before her.

"Very late," said Mrs. Evatt, to herself, as the clock chimed four and no members had arrived. "I was afraid they would find it difficult to come up to the scratch." At length a faint and uncertain shuffling was heard, and there began to sink into the room a number of females with downcast and dejected eyes; each one holding up in the next, as though afraid to venture in alone. Last of all came Mrs. Gatacre with a large fan, and a bottle of smelling salts, and plunging herself into the largest arm-chair in the room, she began to sigh and fan herself vigorously.

"Ladies," began Mrs. Evatt cheerfully, "I have great pleasure in welcoming you all to the second meeting of our Guild, and I trust that during the past week much good work has been accomplished." There was a very broad smile on her face as she said this. "I will now ask one lady to furnish me with an account of her accomplishment. Mrs. Baker," he admonished and flashed into the woman on her right, "may I ask you to kindly begin?"

Mrs. Baker substitution one glove with trembling fingers, and then buttoned it up again in a great hurry, before she coughed and began in low tones: "I broke the rules once by saying I was engaged when I was not in order to get out of an uninteresting tea-fight; and once when the Colonel asked if I didn't like his new pony I said 'yes,' but I didn't really; and once in telling a funny story I put in a little out of my head; and once well I don't remember what was, but I know there was another time," concluded Mrs. Baker with extreme dejection.

"Mrs. Baker four times," said Mrs. Evatt, entering a note in her book. "I have to thank you, Mrs. Baker, for your conscientious account. Mrs. Kren may I trouble you next?"

"Mrs. Baker has left out one," remarked this lady. "She told Mrs. Grew it was a perfect day for her garden party, and she'd just been telling me she was freezing standing about on wet gravel."

"No," said Mrs. Baker with meekness. "It wasn't me."

"Excuse me; but it was," snapped the other lady.

But I wasn't there, so it couldn't have been," said Mrs. Baker.

Member 2 and kindly proceed with her evidence," said the President.

"No," said Member 2, "certainly not. If you don't believe what I say I shan't say any more; I'm going," and she retreated with noise, if not with dignity. "She's afraid to confess," said several members, nodding and giggling.

"Mrs. Gatacre, it is now your turn," said the President.

"Well really—er. I've been suffering so frightfully with neuralgia that I really don't know if I have a shred of memory remaining," said Mrs. Gatacre in her most languid dream.

"But—er—try a minute. I think I do just remember just catching myself up in one or

two things that were not quite correct. One time it was—

"Fudge!" interrupted Member 8 in violent indignation. "I confronted you with four fibs in one afternoon, and if you hadn't bolted before I had a chance, I'd have told you of four more."

"I heard her cooing all the sweet things she could think of to a lady, and as soon as she moved away, she turned to me and abused her like a pick-pocket," said Member 7.

"I heard her tell several fibs at the subscription dance," said Member 8.

"And so did I," said 10.

"And I noticed quite a dozen in the week," said 12.

"Then I regret to be obliged to have you ejected from the Guild," said Mrs. Evatt, regarding Mrs. Gatacre with a stern countenance. "And I have a strong suspicion that your record is the biggest, and you will therefore have to give the largest subscription towards the prize for the winning member."

"Unfortunately," said Mrs. Gatacre, with a countenance caudous and green, "I have already decided that a society which produces so much spite and ill-nature cannot be for the general good, and so I settled not to belong any more before I came."

"And you started it," said a voice.

"And said it would do so much good," said another. "Instead of which the whole place is by the ears, and most of my friends cut me in the street."

"And so do mine," echoed several voices.

"I think we've all had enough of it," said Member 16 solemnly. "I vote, Mrs. President."

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NEITHER THE CAPTAIN, THE AGENTS, NOR THE OWNERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE for any DEET contracted by the Officers or the Crew of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:
 DAYLIGHT, British oil barque, James Rendu, Standard Oil Co.
 EVIE, J. Ray, American barque, F. Carson, Sander Wiles & Co.
 LEONARDO, Italian barque, A. M. Schiaffino, Order.
 SHIMOKI, British str., E. A. Chaplain, DODWELL & CO., Ltd.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

FOR SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SANTA ROSALIA, MEXICO.
 THE Steamship
 "VICTORIA"
 Captain Casey, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, 1st January.
 For Freight, &c., apply to
 SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.
 Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3191]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR MANILA.
 THE Company's Japanese Mail Steamship
 "KUMANO MARU."
 5,000 Tons, Captain E. W. Huxwell, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, 1st January.
 This well-known Steamer is specially constructed for the service in the Ty Pies, and is provided with superior accommodation and with all modern fittings and improvements for the safety and comfort of Passengers. Electric Light and Refrigerator, Doctor and Stewardess carried.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 A. S. MIHARA, Manager.
 Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [3410]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.
 THE Company's Steamship
 "LOONGSANG."
 Captain G. S. Wormald, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 2nd January, 1903, at 4 P.M.
 This Steamer has superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.
 Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3492]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

HONGKONG TO SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE VIA USUAL AUSTRALIAN PORTS OF CALL.
 AVERAGE LENGTH OF VOYAGE TO SYDNEY 20 DAYS.
 Saloon Passengers carried at SPECIALLY REDUCED RATES, particulars of which can be obtained on application to the Undersigned.
NEXT SAILINGS.
 "TAIYUAN" leaves on 20th January.
 "TSINAN" " " 16th February.
 "CHANGSHA" " " 7th March.
 Superior accommodation, Electric Light throughout. Fitted with Refrigerators which ensure a fresh supply of Ice and Provisions during the entire voyage. Duly qualified European Surgeons carried.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
 AGENTS
 CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.
 Hongkong, 8th December, 1902. [1981]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.
 PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
 THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.
 THE Steamship
 "VALETTA."
 Captain W. B. Palmer, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched for this port on SATURDAY, the 3rd January, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.
 Silk and Valuable, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with transhipment.
 Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.
 Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.
 For further particulars, apply to
 E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.
 Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1]

"VALETTA."

FOR LONDON.
 "GLENLOCH."
 Captain E. J. Stoddard, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 5th January, 1903.
 For Freight, apply to
 MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW, Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [3373]
 COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
 PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship
 "CALEDONIAN."
 Captain Remick, will be despatched for the above ports on or about MONDAY, the 5th January.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 C. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
 Hongkong, 30th December, 1902.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.
 (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT PHILIPPINE PORTS.)
 PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1903.
 "MOGEL" About 6th Jan.
 "HINDUSTAN" " 25th Jan.
 "SHIMOSA" " To follow.
 For Freight and further information, apply to
 DODWELL & CO., LD., Agents.
 Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902. [71]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.
 THE Company's Steamship
 "NAMSANG."
 Captain Geo. Payne, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 7th January, at Noon.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.
 Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902. [3473]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
 Calling at Timor, Port Darwin, and Queensland Ports, and taking through cargo to Adelaide, New Zealand, Tasmania, &c.
 THE Steamship
 "EASTERN."
 Captain Ellis, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 9th January, 1903, at DAYLIGHT.
 This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.
 This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.
 A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.
 N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passenger the Steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.
 Hongkong, 18th December, 1902. [3583]

STEAM FOR ODESSA VIA PORTS.

(taking Cargo for COLOMB and PORT SAID).
 THE Russian Steamer
 "HERMANN LERCHE."
 will be despatched for the above ports on or about the 10th January.
 For Freight on further Particulars, apply to
 BRADLEY & CO., Agents.
 Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3493]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.
 STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, ALSO
 PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 12th January, 1903, at 1 P.M.

the Company's Steamship
 "LAOS," Captain Flaudin, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES, via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.
 Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.
 Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M., on the 11th January. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.
 For further particulars, apply to the Company's Office.
 G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
 Hongkong, 31st December, 1902. [3]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO. BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY. BOSTON TOW-BOAT COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA, FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	Sailing Date.
VICTORIA	J. Pantou	3,502	January 3rd
OLYMPIA	J. Truebridge	2,837	January 17th
PLEIADES	F. G. Purington	3,753	January 24th

Steamers marked * have no passenger accommodation.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR AND EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services. Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and to the Principal Cities in the United States and Canada. For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, GENERAL AGENTS.
 Hongkong, 24th December, 1902. [7]

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN, AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES. CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
 "Empress" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 12 knots. SAVING THREE TO SEVEN DAYS ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S.	Tons	Sailing Date
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,060	WEDNESDAY, 14th Jan.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 11th Feb.
"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 25th Feb.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 13th Mar.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 1st April
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April
"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 6th May
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 13th May
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 27th May

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW "EMPRESS" STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA of JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9, and 12 months. SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Navy, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan (Government). The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled. For further information, Maps, Guides, Books, Rates of Passage and Freight, apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder Street.

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HONGKONG-MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon amidships. Electric Light. Perfect Cuisine. Surgeon carried. All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE
RUBI	2,540	R. W. Almond	Manila Direct	On 2nd Jan., at Noon.
DIAMANT	2,510	R. Rodger	Manila Direct	On 7th Jan., at Noon.
DIAMANT	1,980	A. H. Nodley		
PERLA	1,980	J. McGinty		

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.
 Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [2981]

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

TAMUJI VIA SWATOW	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMUJI VIA SWATOW	"DAIJIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 4th January.
TAMUJI VIA SWATOW	"DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 11th January.
TAMUJI VIA SWATOW	"T. W. GROVES"	WEDNESDAY, 7th January.
TAMUJI VIA SWATOW	"MAIDZUBU MARU"	January.
TAMUJI VIA SWATOW	T. SATO	

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for first-class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried. All Steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mails, and are registered the highest class at Lloyd's. Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoon at the Customs' water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo. By the Co.'s steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading are issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply to Company's local Branch Office at No. 2, Des Voeux Road Central.
 Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. T. ARIMA, Manager. [15]

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL.

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS
KOBE	PERLIN	On 1st January	Freight only.
LONDON, &c.	VALETTA	Noon, 3rd January	See Special Advertisement
SHANGHAI	CHUSAN	On 5th January	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, VIA SINGAPORE	BOMBAY	Noon, 7th January	Freight or Passage.
PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MADRAGUE	H. S. Bradshaw	January	
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI	CEYLON	About 12th January	Freight or Passage.
MOJI and KOBE (Passing through the Inland Sea)	W. Hayward, R.N.R.	January	
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI	BANGA	About 16th January	Freight only.
MOJI and KOBE (Passing through the Inland Sea)	E. P. Martin, R.N.R.	January	

PASSENGER SEASON 1903.

For MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH, and LONDON Direct. MALTA.....6,064 Tons.....28th March. WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT. For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. [1]

Hongkong, 1st January, 1903.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG VIA MOJI, KOBE, PORTLAND, OREGON AND YOKOHAMA FOR OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL ON
"INDRAPAVATI"	4,899	W. C. Cronin	January 14, 1903.
"INDRAPAVATI"	4,899	A. E. Hollingsworth	February 14, 1903.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.
 Hongkong, 9th December, 1902. [14]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE. STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG. PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS. LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS. STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LEGATOS.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the PRINCIPAL PLACES in RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
KONIG ALBERT	7th Jan., 1903.
PRINCESS IRENE	WEDNESDAY 2nd Jan., 1903.
DAHMSTADT	WEDNESDAY 4th Jan., 1903.
STUTTGART	WEDNESDAY 18th Feb., 1903.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY 4th Mar., 1903.
HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY 18th Mar., 1903.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY 1st April, 1903.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY 15th April, 1903.
KIAUSCHOU	WEDNESDAY 29th April, 1903.
BAVERN	WEDNESDAY 13th May, 1903.
RUON	WEDNESDAY 27th May, 1903.
PRINZ REG. LUITPOLD	THURSDAY 11th June, 1903.

* Steamers of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie. † Calling at Amsterdam.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of January, 1903, at NOON, the Steamship "KONIG ALBERT" of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain U. Polack, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 5th January. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 6th January, and Passengers will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the 6th January. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.00 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement. The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.
 Hongkong, 25th December, 1902. [15]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LONDON, Oporto, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS in the LEVANT, BLACK SEA and Baltic Ports, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
NURNBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Colombo)	On 13th Jan. Freight.
SILESIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Penang)	On 27th Jan. Freight & Passengers.
Capt. Balke	HAVRE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Penang)	On 10th Feb. Freight & Passengers.
WURZBURG	HAVRE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Colombo)	On 24th Feb. Freight.
Capt. v. Binzer	HAVRE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Penang)	On 24th Feb. Freight.
C. FELD LAESZ	HAVRE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Penang)	On 24th Feb. Freight.
Capt. Fuchs	HAVRE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Penang)	On 24th Feb. Freight.

For Further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, HONGKONG OFFICE, QUEEN'S BUILDING, No. 1.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
KUMANO MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNVILLE and BRISBANE	THURSDAY, 1st Jan., at 4 P.M.
SANUKI MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 2nd Jan., at DAYLIGHT.
BOMBAY MARU	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	FRIDAY, 2nd Jan., at Noon.
T. Tibbels	MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	SATURDAY, 10th Jan., at DAYLIGHT.
KAWACHI MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 13th Jan., at DAYLIGHT.
YAMAGUCHI MARU	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 13th Jan., at Noon.
S. Yoshizawa	VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 13th Jan., at 4 P.M.
TOSA MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 23rd Jan., at Noon.
F. L. Sommer	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	at Noon.

Through Passenger Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Moji and Kobe, 1st and 2nd Class through Passengers have the option of travelling by the Sanyo Railway. For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply to the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building First Floor, Chater Road. A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY, LD.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.

MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

FROM	STEAMERS	On	TO
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.	"TELEMACHUS"	On 5th January.	DUR
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.	"PROMETHEUS"	On 8th January.	
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.	"PYRRHUS"	On 14th January.	
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.	"DIOMED"	On 28th January.	

FOR	STEAMERS	On	TO
LONDON	"TELEUS"	On 6th January.	TO SAIL
LONDON	"ANTENOR"	On 29th January.	
LONDON	"TELEMACHUS"	On 3rd February.	
LONDON	"PROMETHEUS"	On 17th February.	
LONDON	"TYDEUS"	On 20th January.	
GENOA AND LIVERPOOL.	"DARDANUS"	On 20th February.	
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	"PYRRHUS"	On 21st February.	
(Taking Cargo at London Rates)			
MARSHALLS AND ANTWERP	"PYRRHUS"	On 21st February.	

The S.S. "TELEMACHUS" left Singapore on the 31st December, and is expected here on the 5th January.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1902.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LD.

FROM	STEAMERS	On	TO
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.	"PAKLING"	On 22nd January.	DUE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.	"CHINGWO"	On 3rd February.	

FOR	STEAMERS	On	TO
MARSHALLS, ANTWERP and AMSTERDAM	"OOPACK"	On 16th January.	TO SAIL

FOR	STEAMERS	On	TO
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"PAKLING"	On 24th January.	TO SAIL

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1902.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

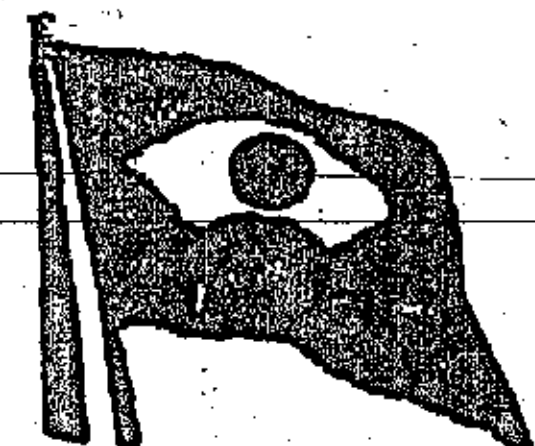
FROM	STEAMERS	On	TO
SHANGHAI	"CHINKIANG"	On 1st January.	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"HOIHOW"	On 1st January.	
SHANGHAI	"CHANGCHOW"	On 2nd January.	
SHANGHAI	"KANSU"	On 3rd January.	
SHANGHAI	"SHANSI"	On 3rd January.	
SHANGHAI	"HANGCHOW"	On 3rd January.	
SHANGHAI	"WIAMPOA"	On 5th January.	

PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. * Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports. * Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1903



TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

(ORIENTAL S.S. CO.)
REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN
HONGKONG AND MANILA IN
48 HOURS.

THE Company's well-known Steamship

"ROSETTA MARU,"

3876 Tons, Captain N. Tate, will be despatched for MANILA on MONDAY, the 5th January, at Noon.

To be followed by the "BOHILLA MARU,"

on about the 14th January.

Magnificent Accommodation, Comfortable Cabins, Excellent Table, Unrivalled Speed, Electric Light, Doctor and Stewardess carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA,

Agents.

Princes Buildings, Ice House Street, Hongkong, 31st December, 1902.

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS

in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line

are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS

OF LADING for all the principal ports in

South Africa, in connection with INDO-

CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s fortnightly

service hence to CAIRO, Suez, Aden, and

Calcutta for Cape Ports every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars

apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

General Agents for China and Japan

Hongkong, 10th January, 1902.

PURE FRESH WATER

THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER

BOAT CO., LD., is prepared to supply

ANY QUANTITY OF PURE FRESH

WATER to the Shipping, both for Deck and

Boilers.

Call Reg. W.

J. W. KEW,

Manager.

29, Des Voeux Road,

Hongkong, 13th June, 1902.

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At Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LD.,

Hongkong.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1902.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Office and Sales Rooms of the Under-

signed have been REMOVED to No. 8,

DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, Corner of

Ice House Street.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1902.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

"BARBER" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "SHIMOSA."

FROM NEW YORK, STRAITS AND MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby inform-

ed that all Goods are being landed at their

risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and

Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at

Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves

delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining

undelivered after the 5th prox. will be subject

to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-

sented to the Undersigned on or before the

10th prox., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on the 5th prox., at 3 P.M.

No Free Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3494]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMSANG,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Con-

signees of Cargo by her are hereby informed

that their Goods will be delivered from along-

side.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining

on board after 4 P.M. on the 31st inst., will be

landed at Consignees' risk and expense into

Godowns at EAST POINT.

No Free Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHIESON & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [3474]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"MANILA."

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT

SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named

steamer are hereby informed that their Goods

are being landed and placed at their risk in the

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown

Company's Godowns, at Kowloon, where each

consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark,

and delivery can be obtained as soon as the

Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless in-

structions are given to the contrary before

1 p.m. To-day, 20th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 4th prox., at 4 p.m.,

will be subject to rent.

No Free Insurance will be effected by me in

any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Go-

dows for examination by the Consignee's and

the Company's representative at an appointed

hour. All Claims must be presented within

ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after

which date they cannot be recognised. No

Claims will be admitted after the Goods have

left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [1]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"BEKIN."

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named

steamer are hereby informed that their Goods

are being landed and placed at their risk in the

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown

Company's Godowns, at Kowloon, where each

consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark,

and delivery can be obtained as soon as the

Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—

From Persian Gulf, ex B. I. S. N. and

B. P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Goods not cleared by the 4th prox., at 4 P.M.,

will be subject to rent.

No Free Insurance will be effected by me in

any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Go-

dows for examination by the Consignee's and

the Company's representative at an appointed

hour. All Claims must be presented within

ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after

which date they cannot be recognised. No

Claims will be admitted after the Goods have

left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [1]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENLAVERS"

FROM LEITH, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby inform-

ed that all Goods are being landed at their

risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and

Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.,

whence and/or from the wharves delivery may

be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Goods undeliv-

ered after the 5th prox. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the steamer must be pre-

sented to the Undersigned on or before the

20th prox., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on the 5th prox., at 11 A.M.

No Free Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [3432]

NOTICE.

I BEG to notify the Public that I have from

this 1st instant taken over the whole concern

of the late Mr. J. F. Shaw.

The business is now carried on under the

Style or Name of "THE CHUNG WAH

STABLE."

THE CHUNG WAH STABLE.

LU-YUK KWAN.

Sole Proprietor.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [3436]

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Sole Agents.

Hongkong, 25th July, 1902. [201]

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